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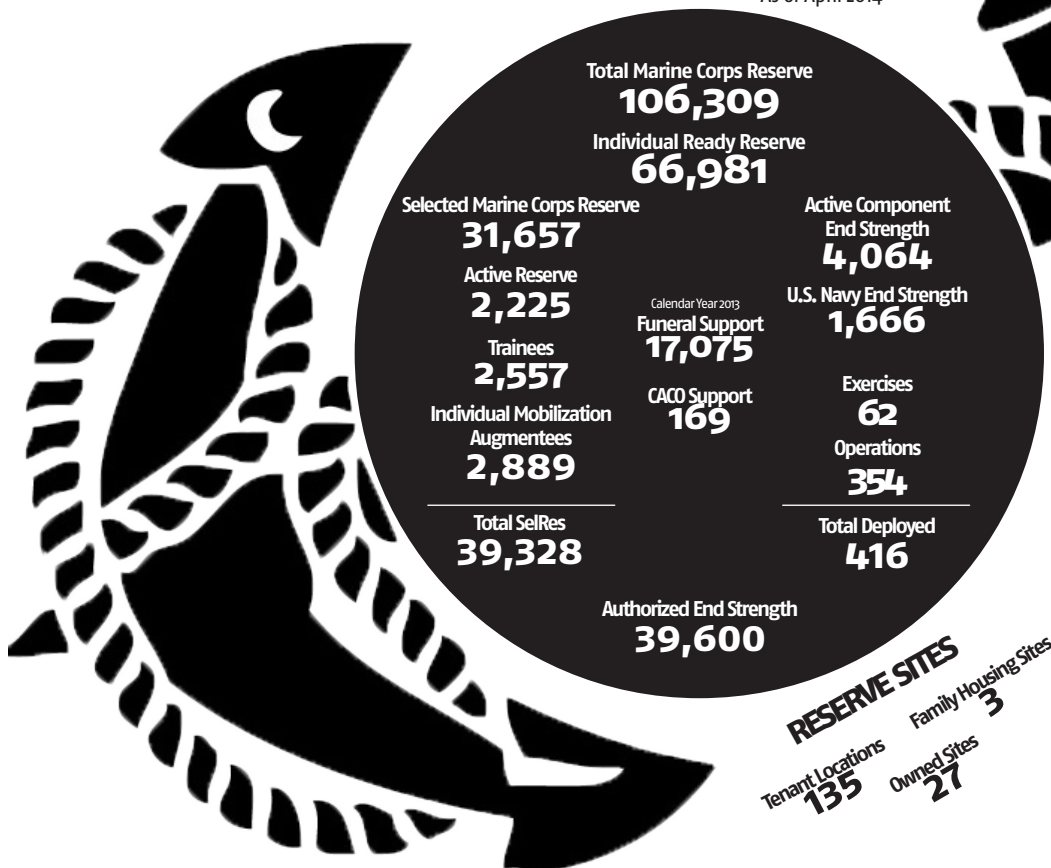
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LT. GEN. RICHARD P. MILLS

Commander, Marine Forces Reserve

"In light of the tragedies at Fort Hood and the Washington Navy Yard, the Marine Corps has amplified its guidance regarding privately-owned firearms aboard military installations. This includes the many HTCs across the country that our Reserve Marines call home. Leaders at all levels must empower their Marines to understand and abide by these regulations. The safety of our Marines is paramount – even one life lost is too many. Read the regulations, understand them and enforce them."



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Guidance for privately-owned firearms aboard INSTALLATIONS



Following the Washington Navy Yard shooting on Sept. 16, 2013, the Marine Corps has conducted a comprehensive review and identified gaps in the policies related to the handling, storage and accountability of privately-owned firearms and ammunition aboard its installations.

According to Marine administrative message 176/14, all commanders will review and update their current local directives to ensure good order, discipline, security and force protection remain constant aboard their respective installations.

LOCAL DIRECTIVES WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS

PROHIBIT

privately-owned firearms in all federal facilities, to include government-leased spaces and government vehicles.

PROHIBIT

carrying privately-owned firearms as concealed weapons aboard Marine Corps installations.

ENSURE

all privately-owned firearms stored aboard installations are registered with the provost marshal's office and Marine Corps police department.

PROHIBIT

storage of privately-owned firearms and ammunition in bachelor enlisted quarters for noncommissioned officers and below.

REEMPHASIZE

compliance regarding storage of privately-owned firearms and ammunition in government family housing.

IN ALL CASES

privately-owned firearms will be stored in a fully-encased container that must be locked with a key or combination lock. All firearms will be fitted with a trigger lock.

AMMUNITION

must be stored separately from firearms and in a container capable of being locked with a key or combination lock.

PRIVATELY-

owned firearms will not be stored in privately-owned vehicles.

PERSONNEL

will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws for the purchase, registration, transportation and storage of privately-owned firearms and ammunition.

TRANSPORTING

privately owned firearms is authorized in POV's to and from an authorized storage area or to an off-base location consistent with federal, state, and local laws.

Marines are expected to handle privately-owned firearms with the same level of safety and professionalism that is required when handling their individually issued weapons.

SAFETY RULES

- 1.** Treat every weapon as if it were loaded.
- 2.** Never point your weapon at anything you don't intend to shoot.
- 3.** Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- 4.** Keep your weapon on safe until you intend to fire.